

As an amateur radio operator I am most concerned with the proposed Broadband Over Power line system currently being considered. The information I have received indicates that BPL will cause serious and substantial interference to amateur activity. In these times of increased national threat and natural disaster the amateur service is vital to the communications system of this country. Amateurs provide the nation wide backup to the commercial communications system. BPL will seriously undermine the amateur's ability to provide the emergency service that is an obligation associated with the amateur license. Amateurs that can not practice their hobby because of interference from BPL will not be prepared to meet the communications needs should an emergency arise. I am not opposed to delivery of internet services via electrical power lines, as long as that delivery does not interfere with the amateur's ability to operate within the bounds of his license. Indeed, I encourage the Commission to explore all such options. I also strongly encourage the Commission to approve only that technology which will co-exist with all existing spectrum uses.